

TABLE IX—FLEXIBLE CONTAINERS—Continued
[Plastic, Cellophane, Paper, Textile, Laminated Multi-Layer Pouch, Bag, etc.]

| Defects | Categories | | |
|--|------------|-------|-------|
| | Critical | Major | Minor |
| (c) If lamination separation is limited to isolated spots that do not propagate with manipulation or is outer ply separation in seal within 1/16-inch of food product edge of seal | | | 220 |
| Flex cracks (cracks in foil layer only) | | | 221 |
| Swollen container | 11 | | |
| Blister (in seal) reducing intact seal to less than 1/16-inch | 12 | | |
| Compressed seal (overheated to bubble or expose inner layer) reducing intact seal to less than 1/16-inch | 13 | | |
| Stringy seal (excessive plastic threads showing at edge of seal area) | | | 222 |
| Contaminated seal (entrapped matter) reducing intact seal to less than 1/16-inch | 14 | | |
| Seal creep (product in pouch "creeping" into seal) reducing intact seal to less than 1/16 inch | 15 | | |
| Misaligned or crooked seal reducing intact seal to less than 1/16-inch | 16 | | |
| Seal formed greater than 1-inch from edge of pouch (unclosed edge flaps) .. | | | 223 |
| Waffling (embossing on surface from retort racks; not scorable unless severe) | | | 224 |
| Poor or missing tear notch (when required) | | | 225 |

TABLE X—UNITIZING
[Plastic or other type of casing/unitizing]

| Defects | Categories | |
|---|------------|-------|
| | Major | Minor |
| Not specified method | 101 | |
| Missing tray (when required) | 102 | |
| Missing shrink wrap (when required) | 103 | |

TABLE X—UNITIZING—Continued
[Plastic or other type of casing/unitizing]

| Defects | Categories | |
|--|------------|-------|
| | Major | Minor |
| Loose or improperly applied wrap | | 201 |
| Torn or mutilated | | 202 |
| Off-center wrap (does not overlap both ends) | | 203 |

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§ 42.113 Defects of label, marking, or code.

TABLE XI—LABEL, MARKING, OR CODE

| Defects | Categories | |
|---|------------|-------|
| | Major | Minor |
| Not specified method | 101 | |
| Missing (when required) | 102 | |
| Loose or improperly applied | | 201 |
| Torn or mutilated | | 202 |
| Torn or scratched, obliterating any markings on the label | 103 | |
| Text illegible or incomplete | | 203 |
| Incorrect | 104 | |
| In wrong location | | 204 |

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§ 42.114 Procedures for evaluating interior container defects.

(a) Sections 42.101–42.136 provide procedures for determining lot conform-

ance with the U.S. Standards for Condition of Food Containers. This determination is based on the examination of the external characteristics of the food containers.

(b) As an option, if a user of the inspection service requests to have the interior characteristics of containers examined, and apply these results in the determination of lot acceptability, the defects listed in Table XII may be used.

(c) The determination of lot acceptability based on internal container defects shall be independent of the determination of lot acceptability for U.S. Standards for Condition of Food Containers. A user of the inspection service may choose to require inspection for internal can defects as well as inspection for U.S. Standards for Condition of Food Containers.